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Midshipman Julie L. Welter awarded Captain Winifred Q. Collins Scholarship

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Midshipman Julie L. Welter, of Miami University's NROTC Unit, was one of five Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) midshipmen who were recently named 1999 recipients of the Captain Winifred Q. Collins Award. Each midshipman will receive a \$1000 scholarship.

The annual "Winifred Q. Collins Award" is presented to third year female midshipmen who will complete their junior year in the May/June time frame. Nominees were selected on the basis of academics, leadership, and financial need. An awards board convened by the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET), the command that oversees the 57 NROTC Units nationwide, selected the winners.

Collins personally notifies winning midshipmen of their selection. In a letter to each of the scholarship recipients, Collins wrote: "This designates you as one of the finest midshipmen in the NROTC program."

Capt. Collins, U.S. Navy retired, was commissioned in 1942 in the first group of women officers to enter the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1948, she was selected as one of 500 women officers to be commissioned in the regular Navy. In August 1957, she became the Assistant Chief of Navy Personnel for Women, the senior woman officer in the Navy at the time, and the only woman line officer serving in the rank of Captain. Collins retired in August 1962 after 20 years of active Navy service.

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Midshipman Julie Welter is a Psychology major at Miami University. She has a cumulative GPA of 3.59, and is ranked 2 out of 20 in both her training unit and her academic class. Midshipman Welter provides peer tutoring to her classmates, and volunteers her free time in the community as a member of Habitat for Humanity. In the Midshipman Battallion she has served as Public Affairs Officer, has volunteered as a leader in the University's NROTC Freshman Orientation Program, and has represented the Miami NROTC program at the nationwide symposium on NROTC student leadership.

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